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REMARKS

Applicants file this RCE and request that the amendments to the claims be entered. Claims 1, 9 and 23 have been amended. No additional claims have been canceled. Claims 1-6, 8-13, and 23-24 (14 total claims, 3 independent claims) are pending in the application. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Independent claims 1, 9 and 23 recite a first material and a second material as two different elements. Applicants submit the references cited by the examiner in the previous office action, specifically Denen and Harkenrider, do not alone or in combination disclose a first and a second, different material adjacent to (or in contact with) the first material. Notably, the specification of Denen discloses the contrary, stating a preferred form of the wick is a nylon chenille yarn that is bent back on itself (col. 6, ll. 16-18). As such, it is clear that two distinct materials are not disclosed in the cited references. Moreover, neither reference discloses, alone or when combined, a configuration illustrating a "synergistic" effect wherein a liquid travels at a rate of the emanator no less than either of the two materials alone.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the previous §§102 and 103 rejections of claims 1, 9, and 23. Similarly, as claims 2-6, 8, 10-13, and 24, variously depend from allowable claims 1, 9, and 23, Applicants request withdrawal of all rejections of those claims as well.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (602) 382-6337.

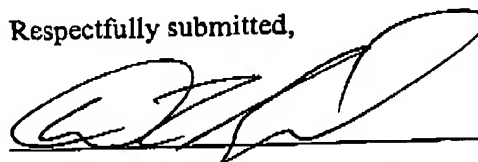
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2814 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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